COMMUNITY & MINORITY ISSUES

DENTISTS RETURN

October 1, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported that five dentists from the inland empire are home after spending a very emotional week at the world trade center. They went as volunteers to identify victims through their dental records.

O/C TRASH STRIKE

October 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that hundreds of sanitation workers walked off the job in Orange County. It's the first strike by trash haulers there in more than 20 years.

BURBANK SCHOOL

October 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that this was international walk to school day. Parents and kids got out of their cars and walked to school. The goal is to improve air quality, the safety of pedestrians and for families to get to know their community.

RESERVES LEAVE

October 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that as soldiers are packing up and preparing to move out all over California, most don't know where they're going or how long they will be gone. They do all say they are ready. She visits at a reserve center in Irvine where troops are on the move.

AFGHANI FAMILY

October 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that Afghan-Americans here in the southland are desperate to contact loved ones in Afghanistan. One family has not heard from any family members since the war began.

TERROR READINESS

October 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Doug Fernandez reported a disturbing forecast that southland emergency services will fall short in a major terrorist attack or other disaster and as a result people will needlessly die. He reports from the LA County Health Department.

GR ZERO CHAPLAIN

October 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:46)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that for the thousands of people who lost friends, family and colleagues at the world trade center, the site of the collapse is one of the saddest places on 3arth. A southland chaplain from Irvine has just come back from helping them out at ground zero.

RED LIGHT CAMERA

October 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported some drivers caught by the red light cameras don't think they have be given a fair break. Governor Davis signed a measure to regulate red light cameras. Critics say the cameras are often rigged to give out tickets by having the yellow light set at too short an interval. Turns out that may have been the case. Light intervals will be regulated...it's the law.

TEACHER RESERVIST

October 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:38)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a biology teacher at a Corona high school has been called into military service. Tony Poletti is a teacher at Santiago High School and he is a lieutenant colonel in the US Marine Corps Reserve. He reports in three weeks.

PEACE RALLIES

October 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 Kerry Kilbride reported that several dozen protesters gathered in front of the Federal building in Westwood, voicing their opposition to the military response following the terrorist attacks on America. They say they want those responsible for the attacks on America brought to justice but oppose the military strikes that put the lives of Afghani civilians at risk,

MUSLIM TOWN HALL

October 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a group of Islamic community leaders gathered for a special Town Hall meeting in Los Angeles following the US strike on Afghanistan. Representatives from the Muslim Public Affairs Council and the nation of Islam wee among those in attendance.

OC AFGHANS

October 9-10pm newscast (TRT:28)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported the American Red Cross is dealing with a crisis. The blood supply is at an all time low. In fact, donations are the lowest in 20 years. Several people, including celebrities heeded the call for blood and rolled up their sleeves at UCLA in Westwood. Doctors say the 4th of July holiday is always a time of emergencies.

BORDER SECURITY

October 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported with the stat of the bombing raids over Afghanistan even tighter security is in place along the border between the US and Canada. Many migrant workers in upstate new York way they are afraid to return to Mexico because they fear stricter security along the southern border as well.

FLAG DISPOSAL

October 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:38)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported Inland Empire police agencies are collecting old flags to ensure they are given a respectful retirement. It all started when a police detective noticed a frayed flag that apparently fell off a car. .

TROOP LETTERS

October 10, 4-5pm newscast (:43)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported there is a way you can support our troops by sending them a letter. Three southland businesses have organized a letter writing campaign. The businesses are the Mountasia Family Fun Center in Santa Clarita, Farrell's ice cream parlor in Temecula and Northridge Skateland.

SIKHS/HINDUS

October 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported members of the southland Sikh community have been targets of racism since the terrorist attacks. They are often confused with Muslims. A Sikh woman was the victim of an alleged hate crime and was stabbed. She and other Sikhs are calling for and end to prejudice.

NAVY COMBAT

October 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Doug Fernandez reported that as the war against terrorism continues more military personnel will be brought in to join the fight, including the sailors aboard the USS Decator based in San Diego. We tour the Navy's Destroyer.

AFGHAN GOVERNMENT

October 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reports live from Hollywood with a former Afghan official who talked about the developments in Afghanistan and the hope of playing a part in the rebuilding of his country.

MARINE TRAINING

October 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that marines at Camp Pendleton are getting ready for the war against terrorism. Troops took part in special training exercises on land and sea.

BOB HOPE/USO

October 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a new facility will be bigger and better for military personnel and their families to stop and relax at LAX thanks to entertainer Bob Hope. The facility will be called the Bob Hope Hollywood USO Facility. He spent more than 60 years entertaining US troops during wartime.

CATS DOGS KICKER

October 12, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a special celebrity fashion show helped raise money for animal relief efforts in Yew York City. Warner Home Video sponsored the event at the trendy TailOof-th Pup restaurant in West Hollywood. .

NEW GAY RIGHTS

October 12, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that gay and domestic partners in California are now a step closer to having the full legal rights of married couples. Governor gray Davis has signed a new Gay Rights Bill into law. Beginning in January, domestic partners will have the right to make medical decisions for each other if one is incapacitated, gives them the right to sue for wrongful death and to "will" each other property and the right to adopt each others children.

ANTHRAX WEB

October 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reminded viewers who what to know more about anthrax to log on to KCAL.com to get more information on the disease.

LA JITTERS

October 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Doug Fernandez reported that the southland remains on high alert and all threats are being treated seriously. Officials say they are prepared for any terrorist scenario.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

October 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:32)

KCAL9 anchors Kerry Kilbride and Pat Harvey reported that the LA City Council honored 65 men and women and search dogs that served as a southland team to help in the New York rescue effort..

ATTACK WIDOW

October 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 reporter Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Lisa Beamer, the widow who lost her husband on flight 93 says she doesn't want to be traumatized by fear. She boarded a plane and finished the trip her husband was to make from New York to San Francisco.

LA COUNTY PREPARED

October 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:38)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that representatives from LA County emergency services held a news conference to reassure citizens that response programs have been in effect for years and they are ready.

LAX PARKING

October 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:11)

KCAL9 reporter Doug Fernandez reported that parking restrictions at LAX have been partially lifted after being closed for nearly six weeks following the terrorist attacks.

WESTWOOD MURAL

October 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:22)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a new mural on Wilshire Blvd was created to inspire but it's also stirring controversy. The 12-foot high mural depicts a female American soldier in full combat gear. Artist Mike Mc Neilly says it's a dedication tour fighting troops overseas. The mural entitles Liberty and Justice 9-11, replaces the old Tribute mural unveiled last month.

AIDS WALK LA

October 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:38)

KCAL9 reporter Bryan Jenkins reported on AIDS walk LA where more than 20,000 people, raising money walked to fight AIDS.

RESCUE DOGS

October 21, 9-10pm (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that two heroes from the 9-11 rescue were honored. Debra Tosch and Abby, a black lab, got a standing ovation for their work at the World Trade Center in New York. They were honored at a benefit for PAWS LA.

SAN ONOFRE

October 24, 3:30pm newscast (TRT:38)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that warning sirens were heard around the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant in San Clemente as a test. The actual emergency siren would alert residents in case of radiation leaks.

PAINTED STREET

October 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported on a patriotic street in Norco where the entire community has come out to make their patriotism well known.

AFGHAN TEACHER

October 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the Hollywood community is trying to help women and children in Afghanistan by arming themselves with information. Representatives from Amnesty International and Children Uniting nations and other groups were on had to let people know about the hardships facing people in Afghanistan.

WEST HOLLYWOOD HALLOWEEN

October 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that hundreds of thousands of people are expected to turn our on the streets of West Hollywood for its annual Halloween parade and street party. Sheriff's deputies say revelers should have no fear because security will be out in force.

FLESH NIGHT CLUB

October 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported a major victory for several workers at an adult nightclub in San Bernardino. A state appeals court has ruled a strip club called "The Flesh" is not involved in prostitution. Leanne has reaction from both sides.

ANGELS AMONG US

October 31, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT:43)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported when babies are abandoned in public places many of them die. Debi Faris picks up abandoned and unclaimed babies and gives them names and a proper burial. She is a woman who is determined to give meaning to lives that ended too soon.

POSTAL UNION/NJ

October 31, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:37)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported, as more cases of anthrax are reported, other postal employees are also voicing criticism the federal government, they say for failing to adequately inform and protect postal workers against the disease.

LIVERPOOL REACTION

NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:36)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the Beatles got their start in the earthy port town of Liverpool, a raw burst of talent on the stage of a club called the cavern. Ironically, the mourning there was among the most refined. A flag at half-staff at City Hall and a condolence book in which mourners quietly logged their thoughts at losing a hometown boy and musical legend. At Cavern Walks, where the Cavern Club used to be, flowers and candles were left at a statue of the Beatles; a quiet send off for the quiet Beatle.

JAPAN ROYAL BABY

NOVEMBER 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that they were celebrating in Japan that night. Crown Princess Masako had given birth to a baby girl. The Princess entered the hospital earlier that day. Both mother and baby were in good condition. The Princess had been under great pressure to deliver and heir to the throne after eight years of marriage to Crown Prince Naruhito,. But under postwar Japanese law, only males are allowed to assume the throne. The Imperial family hadn't had a boy since Naruhito's younger brother was born in 1965.

HARRISON OBIT

NOVEMBER 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :34)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that his music told us that "all things must pass." But could a generation that lived a Beatles soundtrack ever expect to lose George Harrison at age 58. Mick Jagger

and Bob Dylan were still rockin' but now it would be the death of another Beatle. Cancer claimed George Harrison' life in Los Angeles.

CAPITOL RECORDS

NOVEMBER 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:26)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Capitol Records was also showing respect for Harrison. The Capitol Records building had a black wreath of mourning around its famous facade. It was Capitol, which released the Beatles first record back in 1964. ""I wanna hold your hand"" quickly made history as the fastest selling single ever. BMI Capitol's parent company praised Harrison as someone who shaped our musical and cultural history and helped to change our world.

DWARF TOSSING

NOVEMBER 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:32)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a radio talk show host was suing the State of Florida and Governor Jeb Bush. He wanted the state to overturn a ban on dwarf tossing. David Flood is only three feet and two inches tall. When not working as a Tampa radio personality he earned money as a barroom attraction. A 1989 law allowed the state to withdraw the liquor license or fine a bar that permitted dwarf tossing. A spokeswoman for the "little people of America" said dwarf tossing was a dangerous and demeaning activity. She said it sent the wrong message to children.

ECSTASY BRAIN DAMAGE

NOVEMBER 5, noon-1pm newscast (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that new research showed that damage from the party drug ecstasy remained long after the party was over. Women were more susceptible to brain damage than men. Scientists in the Netherlands based their findings on research involving 69 people. They found that women who were heavy ecstasy users lost more of the brain cells that controlled the chemical serotonin. That chemical regulated emotion, memory and sexual behavior.

FREE MUSEUMS

NOVEMBER 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:12)

KCAL9 reporter Dilva Henry reported that the British Government was encouraging everyone to visit its many museums by making them free. That included the Natural History Museum, the Victoria and

Albert Museums and the Imperial War Museum. Also free were the Museum of London and the Museum of Science and Industry.

MTA TERRORISTS

NOVEMBER 8, 8-9pm newscasts (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that state lawmakers wanted to know if LA's public transportation system was prepared for a terrorist attack. Lawmakers listened to testimony that day from representatives of the Los Angeles County Public Transportation system. The hearing was a fact-finding mission. Lawmakers would use the information for new laws to beef up security for buses and trains.

AIDS RALLY

NOVEMBER 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :34)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that health activists took to the streets in South Africa trying to force the government to give AIDS drugs to pregnant women who were HIV positive. . Hundreds of demonstrators marched in the streets. They did so before a court hearing on the government's refusal to use some AIDS drugs. Activists believed that those drugs could decrease the transmission of AIDS from the mothers to their unborn babies.

HEROES

NOVEMBER 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :14)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that since the terrorist attacks we had seen many definitions of the word "hero." A poster collection released by Marvel Comics honored those who worked to save others in the face of the terrorist attacks. Another project from Marvel brought "Spider-Man" in touch with current events.

ROCKEFELLER

NOVEMBER 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the spirit of the holidays was alive and well at the Rockefeller Center. The annual tree lighting ceremony brought oohs and aahs from the large crowds watching in Midtown Manhattan. That year's tree was 81 feet tall. It glowed with 30 thousand red, white and blue Christmas lights. The tree would be lit each night until January 7th.

FATAL MAULING

NOVEMBER 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:28)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that authorities thought jealousy may have caused the fatal mauling of a three-week-old child in Rialto. The

siberian huskies were pets, owned by the family since they were puppies. Officials said the child's mother had gone to answer the door, leaving little Josie Heron alone. When she returned she found the dogs attacking her daughter. The baby was rushed to the hospital where she later died. Animal control officials said the dogs can sometimes become jealous of babies because of the attention they get.

DANGERFIELD UP

NOVEMBER 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that comedian Rodney Dangerfield had something to smile about. He was home from the hospital. Dangerfield was released from Cedars Sinai Medical Center where he was taken on Thanksgiving Day with a heart attack. His spokesman said an angiogram showed good blood flow to the major part of his heart. That meant he wouldn't need surgery.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

NOVEMBER 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that we had been given a go ahead to light up for the holidays. Pacific Gas and Electric Company officials said there was no fear of rolling black outs. They said they expected to see lots of red, white and blue lights out they're that season. Power officials did ask that you did not turn on holiday lights until after seven.

METRO SERVICE

NOVEMBER 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:37)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the metro blue line was such a big success some could not even find standing room on the train. That day a third car was being added to allow more passengers. The 22-mile stretch of blue line ran from Long Beach to Downtown LA. The first three-car train rolled into Downtown LA that morning. The third car adds 75 seats. It was made possible by building expanded platforms. Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke gave credit for the line's success to the late supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

PORT SECURITY

NOVEMBER 21, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:39)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that America's busiest port was making sure it was also the safest. The port of Los Angeles covered 35 miles of waterfront. In addition to moving record volumes of cargo each year, more than a million passengers came and went on cruise

ships. The US Coast Guard had a new sea Marshall Program. It included divers that cover every square inch under the ships water line to make sure there weren't any bombs or other devices attached. It took about an hour and a half to swim the entire length of the ship. They made these inspections on a regular basis with cruise lines and randomly with cargo ships. All commercial vessels must notify the port 96 hours before they arrived.

TOP WOMEN ENTERTAINMENT

December 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the 100 most powerful women in entertainment were named. The Hollywood reporter says Stacey snider is number one.

AFGHAN RADIO

December 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that music is a powerful weapon for the mind. The US is unleashing rock and roll in an effort to win over young people in Arab and Muslim countries.

SAFE XMAS HOME

December 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:27)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported the holiday can be fun that we often overlook the dangers in our homes putting out children at risk. Gile gives us some potentially live-saving tips for the season.

NAACP IMAGE NOMINATIONS

December 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported the nominees for the 33rd NAACP Image Awards were announced. The NAACP strives for the portrayal of positive images and meaningful opportunities for African-Americans in media.

JEWISH SCHOOLS

December 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Nikki Jackson reported after major cutbacks were announced at Jewish community centers around the southland. Officials say not only is the organization firing dozens of employees, at least five community centers are being forced to close as well.

MURDER WALK MEETING

December 6, 1011pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson that residents and community leaders came together in South LA to remember a 14-year-old boy randomly gunned down at a recreation center.

SOLDIER KILLED

December 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported that a southern California soldier who died yesterday is being described as a loving father, a good son and a brave soldier. Brian Cody Prosser made a lot of friends in his 28 years. They talked about what he meant to them.

LAPD FAMILY GIFTS

December 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that some members of the LAPD are helped spread some holiday cheer. Officers presented holiday gifts to a Mar Vista family who had lost their father. The gifts included cash, a bicycle and Christmas tree with decorations.

PEARL HARBOR ANNIVERSARY

December 7, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported the day that lives in infamy was remembered in the southland. In San Bernardino there was an event sponsored by the Pearl Harbor survivors association. Military rifle teams fire rounds in recognitions of the more than 2300 casualties of the aerial attack.

MURDER REWARD

December 7, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported it had been 11 months since the murder of Harry DeMoss and police are hoping a 25,000-dollar reward will encourage someone to come forward and help them solve the crime. DeMoss was gunned down January 4th around 11pm near 23rd street and Fourth avenue.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

December 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported there was a good turnout for the Special Olympics southern California Basketball clinic. Former UCLA coach John Wooden was there and told the people that anything you can do to give someone else joy gives you the greatest joy of all.

CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

December 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Congressman Julian Dixon is gone but not forgotten. Dixon was honored at LA's Children's Hospital's and the Cellular Imaging Core Facility was named for him.

USS HOWARD

December 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported one of the navy's most advanced destroyers was loading up in Anaheim Bay at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station and heading for training exercises.

PARKS/HOLIDAY

December 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that LAPD wants you to remember to protect yourself this holiday season. Stay alert as you shop and don't carry a lot of money. Don't leave packages in the car and keep doors locked and know what charity you are giving money to.

FOOD BASKETS

December 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:48)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that for 21 years the Hollenbeck Youth Center has been handing out food and toys during the holiday season and this day they distributed food to 300 needy families in East LA.

MENORAH CEREMONY

December 9-10pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Mayor Hahn, Councilmen jack Weiss and Tom Labonge joined Rabbi Cunin of Chabad to light the Chanukah Menorah. The menorah at the center of the city hall celebration is itself a symbol of survival. It was discovered in Germany after the holocaust and donated to LA several years ago.

STEISAND GORDY

December 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:23)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported live from a gala celebration for the Rainbow-Push coalition and honoring Barbra Streisand and Motown founder, Berry Gordy. There was also a special Birthday tribute to coalition founder, Reverend Jesse Jackson.

3 MONTHS AFTER

December 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported live from Norwalk with reaction form southland residents to the events of September 11th today.

TALIBAN COMMUNITY

December 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the parents of the American, John Walker, captured fighting with the Taliban spoke out today and released a letter they received from their son today.

CHPS HOSPITAL

December 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that it was a special morning for patients at Orthopedic Hospital in south Central LA. Young patients not only got to sing carols, they were given toys by Santa who rode in a presidential motorcade. The effort is all part of the California Highway Patrol and KCAL9's Chips for Kids program.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

December 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :28)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that police unveiled a traffic enforcement program aimed at reducing the number of pedestrian deaths in the San Fernando Valley. As of December 4th, there were fatalities in the Valley compared to 25 in the same period last year.

ISLAMIC REAX

December 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reports reported that reaction is varied in Southern California's Islamic community. Some believe the tie has come to get out a different image of Islam.

REAX TAPE

December 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:23)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that reaction the Bin Laden tape has been swift and emotional. She begins team coverage from Fullerton with more on what people there are saying about the tape.

GAY WTC VICTIM

December 14, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :38)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the attack on the World Trade Center left thousands of families devastated. Now, a domestic partner of one victim is fighting for federal aid he sys is being unfairly denied. The inability of gay survivors to get aid has been so big that gay organizations have set up their own fund.

KCAL SCHOOL

December 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that KCAL staff and the CHP joined Santa to bring holiday cheer and books to all the good little girls and boys at Sierra Park Elementary in El Sereno.

JACKSON DRUG COURT

December 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:34)

KCAL9 Dave Gonzales reported that 26 men and women completed a yearlong intensive drug treatment program and graduated this day. It's an option in LA drug court substituting treatment for jail time. Lakers coach Phil Jackson came to deliver an inspirational message to the grads and urged them to find a center of focus, just like he teaches his players, through meditation.

DRUNK DRIVING PSA

December 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:18)

KCAL9 reporter Marti Johnson reported that drunk driving roadblocks are going up this holiday weekend and the government has a new public service message showing the tragic effects of driving drunk. They want partygoers to designate a driver before the partying starts.

ROSE BOWL PARADE

December 26, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported that there were only 6 days left until New Year's Day and workers were busy setting up the floral floats that would roll down Pasadena on January 1st.

BIZ SECURITY

December 17, (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that civic leaders came together in the name of security and the fight against terrorism. City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo announced the city is commissioning a study to evaluate the state of private sector security. The RAND CORPORATION will do the study.

KWANZAA BEGINS

December 26, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that a big celebration was underway

PARKS UNION VOTE

December 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:53)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that the rank and file of the LAPD would have one more chance to let their Chief know what they think of

him. Letters and ballots were sent out by the Police Union to give the officers a vote on whether or not they have confidence in their top cop.

MOTORCYCLE CAMERS

December 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported that motorcycle cops in Montclair have been outfitted with a new weapon in their battle against speeding. They are now carrying video cameras.

NY EVE GUNFIRE

December 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that the LAPD and LA County Sheriff's department have teamed up to end new year's gunfire. They also took the opportunity to unveil a plan to curb such celebrating and honored some kids who drew posters depicting the dangers of shooting a gun into the air.

ENVIRONMENT

FIREHAWK HELICOPTER

October 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:36)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that LA County firefighters have an airborne weapon against fire. It is called the Firehawk. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky says it will take the firefighting capability of the department to a new level. It can carry 13 crewmembers in addition to the flight crew and three patients. The aircraft is the civilian version of the military Blackhawk helicopter.

FIRE/HAZMAT

October8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:24)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that HAZMAT units were called out to a fire at a pet food plant in San Bernardino. The fire was sparked by a device that purifies the air and there is some concern about the chemicals stored in the vicinity of the fire. One container melted by the material inside was diluted by the sprinkler system.

BOSTON SNOW

October 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :20)

KCAL9 weather anchor Marti Skold reported that we are still in an early fall but people in Massachusetts are already getting a taste of winter. The National Weather Service said the cold spell would lift by the end of the week.

OKLAHOMA TORNADO

October 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:26)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that hundreds of residents in Oklahoma were picking up the pieces after a series of tornadoes ripped through parts of the state. Someone caught the twisters on camera as they hit Cordell and Elk city destroying everything in their paths. At least 150 homes were damaged and minor injuries were reported.

STORM DAMAGE

October 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :14))

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reports that a major storm system was wreaking havoc in parts of Alabama. Several tornadoes ripped through the city of Mobile accompanied by thunderstorms.

BRUSH FIRE

October 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:05)

KCAL9 pilot reporter Larry Welk reported that firefighters were making progress against a dangerous brush fire burning out of control in Santa Clarita. The fire was whipped up by Santa Ana winds and forced hundreds of people to leave their homes. Team coverage continues with reporters on the ground.

BH QUAKE

October 21, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported a small earthquake shook things up. A 2.9 temblor struck at around 5:30pm centered in Beverly Hills. It was minor but enough to be felt over a wide area from West LA to the San Fernando Valley.

RED PLANET

October 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 weather anchor Marti Skold reported that NASA is celebrating because the Mars Odyssey probe has successfully slipped into orbit around mars. This success happened two years after back-to-back failures with other probes. Odyssey will study the make-up of the red planet and search for frozen reservoirs of water.

COMPTON QUAKE

October 28, 9-10pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that an earthquake followed by about two dozen aftershocks rattle nerves and windows throughout the southland. The magnitude 3.7 temblor hit at 8:27am and was centered four miles northwest of Compton.

ANZA QUAKE

October 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reports live in Palm Springs on a 5.1 earthquake rattled parts of southern California. The epicenter was near the Riverside County town of Anza but it was felt in other counties as well.

SOYUZ UNDOCKING

October 31, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:26)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported a Russian spacecraft successfully reached the international space station. The ship undocked from the station and is now back on earth. Onboard was a French astronaut, the first European woman to visit the station. She and two Russian cosmonauts arrived at the space station a week before. They delivered a new Soyuz capsule, which will serve as an emergency lifeboat for the station's crew.

SIERRA SNOW

NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 reporter Marti Skold reported that the Sierra Ski Season was in full gear. Snow lovers were heading up the hills to kick off the first weekend of skiing and snowboarding in Northern California and Nevada. More snow was expected with another storm headed to the area . Many ski resorts opened later than usual because any snow that fell melted quickly and it had been too warm to make snow.

LAKE TROUT FISH

NOVEMBER 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that you would not think of the Northern San Fernando Valley as a hotbed of fishing. But that weekend anglers would be casting their lines into the Hansen Dam. It was all for a chance to catch rainbow trout. More than one thousand pounds of the tasty fish were stocked in the Hansen Dam Lake. Participants would have to fish from a flotation device and there was a five fish limit per person.

SIERRA SNOW

NOVEMBER 8, 8-10pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that up in northern California more than two feet of snow caused delays for thousands of travelers. Despite al the traffic, the CHP said there were no major accidents. All of the snow allowed four more Lake Tahoe Resorts to open for the season.

SANTA LETTERS

NOVEMBER 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:32)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that all letters would be considered suspicious. In Saint Louis, Missouri, the post office was prepared for this potential problem. Rosie Murphy was one of Santa's helpers and she would be opening those letters to Santa. But that year she would be protecting herself just in case.

SMOKING FINE

NOVEMBSER 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:31)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that it was a crackdown on smoking like no other in the country. In one Maryland County smokers would face fines for lighting up inside their own homes. If smoke blown into a neighbor's house whether through an open window, door or vent, you could be fined up to 750 dollars. Under the new air quality standards

tobacco smoke was treated the same as pollutants like asbestos, radon or pesticides.

SACRAMENTO FLOOD

December 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the storm expected to hit southern California has already drenched the Sacramento area, causing quite a bit of problems. The National Weather Service has issued high wind and coastal flood watches.

SIERRA BLIZZARD

December 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :36)

KCAL9 Leyna Nguyen reported a storm system dumped heavy snow and blew high winds into the Lake Tahoe area. For the second straight day chains were requited on all three major highways into the region and interstate 80 was closed in both directions.

WX GORMAN

December 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:16)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live a big rig accident shut down the northbound lanes of interstate five near Gorman. Investigators say a light snowfall and visibility limited to 100feet caused the accident in the Grapevine area.

SHUTTLE LAUNCH

December 4, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that NASA scrubbed the shuttle launch minutes before it was ser to blast into space. Mission control will try again in 24 hours. The shuttle Endeavor was all set to go when worries about precipitation in the clouds over the launch pad and concern about the weather at the emergency landing site shut down the countdown.

WINTER OUTLOOK

December 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 weather anchor Marti Skold reported there is some weird weather in store for the U.S. Forecasters say the US mainland can expect a full range of winter weather this season.

SHUTTLE LIFTOFF

December 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that after a six-day wait the space -shuttle Endeavor made a flawless lift off from the Kennedy

space center. It will orbit around the earth and dock on Friday with the international space station.

LANDSLIDE DANGER

December 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:31)

KCAL9 reporter Jane Velez-Mitchell reported dozens of Torrance homeowners are living on the edge of a landslide area. City leaders say some of them should be ready to leave on a moment's notice. Many residents don't want to go.

HURRICAN PREDICTION

December 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:29)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported the Atlantic hurricane season is over but forecasters are already thinking about next year. Experts are expecting 13 named storms for the season in 2002.

VOLCANO ERUPTION

December 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported the towering Popocatepetl volcano near Mexico City has roared back to life. Molten rock and ash started spewing from the crater again. Experts are not predicting a major explosion. They say the lava only traveled about a hundred yards and should not pose a threat to any nearby towns.

OILY BIRDS

December 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:33)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Coast Guard officials say oily waters off the coast of San Francisco are killing hundreds of birds and they want to know where the oil is coming from. Rough seas are making it difficult to gather water samples to find the source of the contamination. The birds started washing ashore the day after Thanksgiving. Volunteers are cleaning the birds with mild dishwashing soap and water.

JAPAN QUAKE

December 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:23)

KCAL9 Sylvia Lopez reported a strong earthquake has struck southern Japan causing a small tsunami. The quake with a magnitude of 7.3 was centered off the coast of several small islands in Okinawa, Japan's southern most state.

HAZMAT SPILL

December 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:55)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that HAZMAT crews are at the scene of a toxic spill near Santa Fe springs where a truck dumped a load of ferrous chloride. It happened near Norwalk Boulevard and Saragosa Street. Clark reported live from the scene.

HAWAII SNOW

December 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 weather anchor Marti Skold reported that Hawaii saw snow that fell on the mountains

COYOTE ATTACK

December 18, 10-11pm newscast (1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that a little girl was attacked when a coyote tried to drag her away from her own yard. The coyote had not been caught in the San Gabriel neighborhood.

WHITE BUFFALO

December 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that Flagstaff, Arizona is the new home to three rare white buffalo. They were moved from their former home in South Dakota and are considered sacred to many Native Americans. Jim and Dena Riley own the herd. One was taken in after birth when the herd wouldn't take her in.

MARS CLIFF ROVER

December 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:50)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that scientists are busy working on technology that will help them learn more about Mars. They recently discovered images that suggest water flowed on the red planet at one time.

SNOW TODAY

December 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:24)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported snow came down steadily, in time to powder the mountains for skiers.

SAN DIEGO SNOW

December 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the higher elevations of sunny San Diego County got walloped by the local snow. Snow blanketed the Mount Laguna area when almost a foot of snow fell and stuck as low at 4000 feet.

XMAS TREE RECYCLE

December 25, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:42)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that it is time recycle that Christmas tree, but the right way. LA City and County Fire Departments teamed up for a special demonstration in Griffith Park. They showed how to properly dispose of your tree.

MUDSLIDE

December 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported there was a sea of mud in Glendale and not a drop of rain in sight. A mudslide came down a hill caused by a broken water main. It happened in the area of Buckingham and Linda Vista Roads.

AUSTRALIA FIRES

December 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that fires continue to burn out of control in Australia leaving thousands of animals hurt or dead. Many of them are wandering into people's backyards to escape the blazes and everyone is pitching in to help. Some of the animals need treatment, others are in shock. More than 4000 people have been evacuated due to the fast moving flames and 150 homes have been destroyed.

EDUCATION / YOUTH

FOOTBALL DEATH

Oct. 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:03)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that Costa Mesa high school students are grieving over the loss of a 17-year-old football player. Medical examiners are trying to find out why the player collapsed during a game and later died.

ADOPT NY SCHOOL

Oct. 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:23)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported in the wake of the terrorist attacks, children from a San Bernardino County elementary school are helping children in a New York school that was temporarily shut down by the tragedy.

ROMER SCHOOLS

October 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:45)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that state appointed audit teams will be visiting the LA Unified School District campuses within weeks. The teams will recommend a detailed plan for shoring up weaknesses at the schools. This came as LA Superintendent Roy Romer announced his won plan for low performing schools.

PILOT TRIBUTE

October 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:50)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Anaheim High School paid tribute to one of its alums. Pilot Charles "Chick" Burlingame was the captain of the plane that crashed into the pentagon. Players wear a sticker on their helmets with the pilot's initials.

HIGH SCHOOL REACTION

October 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:36)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the terrorist's attacks and the American response is a topic of debate in many classrooms. Teacher Don Singleton sparked a lively discussion of the crisis during his advanced placement government class at Dorsey High School in the Crenshaw District. All students agreed that Osama Bin Laden has to go.

ROSE COURT

October 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a southland tradition lives on in Pasadena. The royal court for the 2002 Pasadena Tournament of Roses duties include more than 150 community and media functions. The seven women will reign over the $113^{\rm th}$ tournament of roses parade on January $1^{\rm st}$ and the rose Bowl game two days later.

ERICK PENA

October 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a student hero returned to El Rancho Middle School in-style. Erick Pena arrived at his Anaheim Hills school aboard a fire truck. Special honors were bestowed on a young man who saved a young girl from being hit by a car. Erick was dragged under the vehicle suffering burns on his arms and back.

OFFICER FOR A DAY

October 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that three youngsters who have spent much of their lives in and out of hospitals spent the day helping fellow officers as they became police officers for a day. The event was the idea of a reserve LAPD officer who has survived two bouts with cancer.

BUSH CHILDREN

October 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:39)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that children of Afghanistan are getting a helping hand from some of the youngest Americans. President Bush urged children from our country to raise money to send the children in Afghanistan. So far, 90,000 pieces of mail has reached the White House. He thanked the Red Cross and the American children for their efforts to help the Afghani people.

\$25,000 TEACHER

October 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a southland teacher has won a 25,000-dollar national award. Blair High School social studies teacher Joshua Tornek was presented with the Milken Family Foundation national Educator Award . He said he was surprised and delighted. He was one of 120 teachers nationwide to win the prize.

BUNKER CHILDREN

October 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reports that when children should be tucked safely in their beds at night, Afghan children are learning to seek the safety of bomb shelters. At a home in Kabul, six little boys practiced getting into a makeshift bunker. It was not much more than a huge pit dug underground just outside their home.

BABY PROOF HOMES

October 19, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that with so much talk about bioterrorism we might be overlooking some basic safety in our won homes. Alan explains some safety tips and where viewers can fine ideas and deals for families with children.

COLLEGE COSTS

October 23, 4-5p newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the cost of sending kids to college is going up. Educators blame the sharp price increase on the sagging economy. A year at a four-year public college now averages more than 9,000 dollars and 23,000 dollars at a private school.

CHILDREN REFUGEES

October 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that even before America waged war on terrorism, millions of Afghan refugees had fled to Pakistan. Many of they are children and although they may be escaping life under the Taliban regime, their futures in Pakistan may not be much better.

FRIENDSHIP CHAIN

October 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that some orange County children were out in force lining the streets to show their support for New York children affected by the September 11th terrorist attack. The students in Irvine formed a friendship chain along Michelson Drive and wore red hats to remember the firefighters who lost their lives in the World Trade Center. It was part of a coast-to-coast event.

US CHILDREN MONEY

October 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that President Bush called upon American children to raise money for starving and orphaned children of Afghanistan. The children heard the call and so far half a million dollars has been raised in the humanitarian effort. Mia takes a look at the desperate plight of the Afghani children.

YOUTH TO WORK

October 26, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that dozens of teenage boys in the Crenshaw District got a behind-the-scenes look at several different careers. The "Take a Youth to Work Day" is a chance for local teens to shadow Southland business leaders. It's sponsored by Magic Johnson. The program matches young men with mentors and exposes them to a wide rage of career opportunities.

BUSH/VETERANS

October 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that President Bush made a push for living history lessons. He called on teachers to bring veterans of American wars into their classrooms before and after Veteran's Day. He said "we all need to listen to their stories".

ANGEL KIDS

October 30, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT:36)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a Riverside boy is among five children across the country names "Angels in Action". Nine-year-old RJ Field was awarded for spending his spare time helping foster and handicapped children. He also pitches in whenever he sees the need. He received a 10,000-dollar savings bond.

HISTORY BOOKS

October 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:44))

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that publishers of school textbooks are scrambling to update history books. Pearson Prentice-Hall was ready to go to press with a textbook for middle schoolers when the September 11th tragedy struck.

STEAMROLLER

NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a group of kids responsible for a dangerous prank in Los Feliz were still on the loose that night. They tried to make a steamroller on a joyride. Instead, it crashed into a house. The house is no longer livable. The man who lived there was inside watching television when he saw the kids fooling around on the steamroller and called police. Before he got through the steamroller came rolling down the street, straight into his living room. He wasn't hurt.

PROP 21 SANTEE

NOVEMBER 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:31)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a divided state appeals court had upheld a sweeping juvenile justice law approved by voters the previous year. The 4th District Court of Appeal ruled proposition 21 did not violate rules requiring that an initiative cover only one subject. The ruling was issued in the case of Charles "Andy " Williams. He was 15 when he allegedly shot and killed two students and wounded 13 others in March at a high school in the Sand Diego suburb of Santee. Under Prop 21, San Diego County prosecutors charged Williams as an adult with murder and other crimes. Williams' attorneys had argued Prop 21 was invalid because it covered too many unrelated topics.

SCHOOL MURDERER

NOVEMBER 5, noon-1pm newscast (TRT:32)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that three school kids in Massachusetts were under arrest that night after police discovered their plans to commit a Columbine style attack at their school. Authorities said the students planned to set off bombs in their high school and then shoot other kids as they ran out of the building. The suspects allegedly planned to shoot themselves also. Police found out about the threat after a school janitor found a note detailing the plot. Officials also found bomb-making instructions and shotgun shells at the kid's homes.

CHILD'S PLAY

November 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:16)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that researchers had found that lots of playtime could enhance your child's development. Experts said the sooner you start playing with your children the better your child's educational development. Active play is better than passive activities.

INTERNET PORN

November 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :28)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the US Supreme Court took up the issue of on-line pornography that day. The justices were looking into a law designed to protect children from porn. In arguments before the court, critics said screening to keep kids out was too costly. Supporters said many adult sites already screened by charging for services. The constitutional question was in whether limiting access to a website, even adult and porn was a restriction of free speech. The court would rule the following year.

HONEY NUT BEE

November 12, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:22)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that some New York 3rd graders were as busy as bees. They helped draw up a new design for the honey-nut cheerios bee. It would be a repainted bee featuring a red suit coat with pink polka dots and a blue and purple bow tie and a bright orange suit. The old brown and yellow honey pot had been repainted red, white and blue.

GAME CUBE

November 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that parents waited overnight to be the first ones to buy the system of Nintendo's game cube. Nintendo said more than 700 thousand game cube systems went on sale that day at over 15 thousand stores nationwide.

HARRY POTTER SCHOOL

December 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Harry Potter is a pop phenomenon and many question if it belongs in schools. A Ventura elementary school is making "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" required reading for advanced third graders. Portola Elementary School just got school board approval to buy 30 books. Educators are already gearing up for the anticipated protest of some parents who believe the books endorse demons, goblins and witchcraft. There will be an alternate reading list for children of those parents.

DOUGLAS PLAYGROUND

December 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Students at Castlebay Elementary School in Northridge were given brand new playground equipment by actor Kirk Douglas and his wife. The school is just one of many elementary schools that have been given playground equipment through the couple's foundation.

FOOTBALL AUTOPSY

December 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported on the cause of death of Costa Mesa high School football Matthew Colby. He left a game in September and passed out. He was declared dead the next morning.

LAUSD SECESSION

December 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:41)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that hundreds of thousands of kids are caught in the middle of a battle whether to carve up the giant LA Unified School District. The battleground moved to Sacramento where the state board of education took up the issue. Both sides engaged in a heated debate. The board rejected the split-up or event asking voters what they think about the idea.

STUDENT PHYSICAL FITNESS

December 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:31)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that California school officials say nearly one in four students in the state were able to pass a physical fitness test. That was up from one in five two years before. The test was given to fifth, seventh and ninth graders in most California school districts.

WORM COMPOSITE

December 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported at Santa Monica College a composting project to reduce waste in an ecologically sound manner, has worms eating leftovers. 300 pounds of works began eating leftovers today and will eat 150 pounds of food waste each day. The process is expected to produce clean and odorless organic fertilizer.

ELEPHANTS

December 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:24)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that elephants are being used to transport satellite dishes, televisions and other equipment to remote villages in Thailand. This is all part of the Thai government's literacy campaign to educate the tribal hills people of the north. 44 villages will get a visit from the elephant express and their entourage of teachers. Each team will spend 15 days in every village.

COMPTON SCHOOLS

December 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :28)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the Compton Unified School District has regained control of the district from the state. State schools chief Delaine Easton announced the power shift and noted that there had been substantial improvement in many areas of the district. The state took over in 1993 after the district nearly went bankrupt.

NEW LAUSD SCHOOL

December 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:36)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a new school opened in Los Angeles. The Belmont/Hollywood Primary Center will be home to more than 300 kindergarten students. It was built to handle massive overcrowding in the area that required students to be bussed away from Commonwealth elementary School.

EDUCATION REFORM

December 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that biggest educational bill in decades is closer to becoming a law. A bi-partisan house and senate committee has approved the 26.5 billion dollar bill requiring schools to test millions of students each year in reading and math. It is the first time students test scores could affect how federal money is spent at their schools.

SWEET ALICE PARTY

December 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:27)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Sweet Alice Harris held her annual party in Watts making sure kids who might not receive toys for Christmas get them. This is the 11^{th} year for this great event.

UPROMISE/COLLEGE

December 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 Eric Philips explains U-Promise. This is a program to help parents buy holiday gifts and save for their children's college education.

EDUCATION BILL

December 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:37)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported the senate passed an education bill that would require school to meet tougher performance standards in return for government money. The act would require public schools to test every student in grades 3 to 8 in reading and math. Schools with persistently low scores would have to give some of their federal aid to students for tutoring or transportation to other schools.

KABUL YOUNG PEOPLE

December 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Jason Bellini reports that kids in the US have heard a lot about Afghanistan and they are curious about kids their own age there. CNN and MTV are teaming up to bring them a closer look.

CANCER KIDS

December 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported that there is a way to spread holiday cheer and possibly save lives, as well. The artists of some creative Christmas cards are little ones who have or are now battling cancer. She profiles one Riverside child whose cards will keep on giving.

STUDENT DEATH

December 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that a popular student at Polytech High School committed suicide last week and students are dealing with the death of the freshman. Grief counselors have been busy helping students deal with the death of Alan Tulau. Family members are turning to each other for peace.

TOKIEN KIDS

December 4-5pm newscast (TRT:29)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that about 1000 southland kids are involved in a program called "reading with purpose for a dream". Each student who completed the books Lord of the Rings is going to see the movie on opening day. The literacy program is sponsored by the LA County Probation Department and encourages reading to help students gain a better education and brighter future.

HAIR DONATION

December 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Katherine Blake reported on a little girl in Baldwin Park who knows the true meaning of the work giving. Rebecca Caselli's hair was almost as long as she is tall. She cut it all off to donate so that a child with cancer could have a wig.

CHIPS FOR KIDS

December 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported Santa Claus came out to bring holiday cheer to kids at Hurley Elementary school. They improved their state test scores by 96 points and Santa took notice. The toy giveaway and visit was part of the California Highway Patrol's biggest holiday event.

CONSUMER ISSUES & ECONOMICS

UNEMPLOYMENT

October 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that the recent terrorist attacks have had a negative effect on the nation's economy, especially the travel and tourism industry. With many workers in California facing uncertain futures, governor gray Davis signed a bill nearly doubling jobless benefits over the next four years.

CIRCUIT BREAKERS

October 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported the New York stick exchange has revised its circuit breakers. The Circuit breakers would stop trading if stick prices fell too much. The new Circuit breaker could halt trading for one hour if the Dow falls as much as 900 points. If the Dow fell 2700 points in one day, then trading would stop for the rest of the day. .

FED RATES

October 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the Feds dropped the cost of money by $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent. This means an immediate cut in the prime lending rate, the rate that banks use to figure all sorts of short-term loans. For example, the rate on credit cards with variable rates will drop by $\frac{1}{2}$ percent in the next billing cycle.

LAX ECONOMY

October 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported it had been bad for weeks for transportation of all kinds. The September 11^{th} attacks on the east coast impacted the west coast economically. LAX has been losing money and that means the entire city has lost money.

RECOVERY

October 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:27)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported threat world gold prices and oil prices were only slightly higher and stocks wee moderately lower but there are still signs of a recovery.

AIRLINE EMPLOYEES

October 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that congress is trying to find a way to provide money for the laid off airline workers by Christmas. Many lawmakers want to make airport workers who screen passengers and baggage federal employees. Democrats want the bill to include money for some 100,000 laid off airline workers before the end of the year.

MAIL ANTHRAX

October 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported that postal workers are on the front lines in the battle against anthrax. To keep them safe post officers are putting new warnings and safety procedures into effect. Even so, postal workers are still worried.

AIRLINE SECURITY

October 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that security experts are working to find way to make airlines safer. It starts at the cockpit door, but also of the new security ideas are focused right in the passenger compartment.

HARD TIMES

October 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that united airlines has announced it is cutting more flights, the internet company commerce One is cutting half of its workforce. With layoffs spreading there are steps you should take now to protect your money.

PARKING AIRPORT

October 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that beginning tomorrow the parking structures at LAX will reopen. Private vehicles will be able to get al lot closer to the terminals.

SEARS JOB CUTS

October 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that sears, Roebuck and Company joins the ranks of retailers slashing jobs. Nearly 5,000 salaried employees will be laid off in the next year and a half. A third will come from sears headquarters in Chicago. The rest in district and regional offices.

EL TORO APPROVED

October 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that El Toro finally go the go ahead. The Orange County board of Supervisors approved a key environmental report necessary for the development of the former El Toro Marine base into an airport.

JET BLUE DOORS

October 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that one airline is doing everything it can to make sure its passengers are safe. Jetblue Airways now says two of its p lanes are fitted with bulletproof cockpit doors. The remainder of the fleet will be outfitted with the new doors in a few months.

FOOD FEARS

October 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that in light of the anthrax concerns some government agencies want to do more to protect the nation's food supply. The department of Agriculture says several foods could be contaminated t=by terrorists. Items like fresh fruit and meat could easily be tainted causing illness or death. They say terrorists could also use the virus that causes foot and mouth disease in livestock. The FDA, which inspects just 1 percent of food supplies, brought into this country wants to hire hundreds more inspectors.

CREDIT CARDS

October 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported there are more deals on credit now. Deals on plastic and deals in stores. But read the fine print before you grab these low rates offers.

FORD IGNITIONS

October 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:32)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that drivers say it comes without warning. The ford auto giant agreed to fix the ignition problem that causes their cars to stall. One southland family who sued the company says it's too little too late. The Emanuel family was driving a 1989 ford Merkur Scorpio last year when it died on the freeway. It is estimated that 12 million fords are equipped with faulty ignition.

TERROR INSURANCE

October 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that your homeowners insurance covers you for fire, storms, but what about

anthrax and terrorism. The industry is now looking at the price tag for terror.

NATIONAL SALES

October 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported the attack on the world Trade Center hurt our already weakened economy and now congress is considering methods to give it a boost. One idea suggested was a National sales tax holiday. The idea is to increase retail sales. Shoppers would not have to pay state sales tax for 10 days. The federal government would reimburse the states.

RED CROSS MONEY

October 31, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the Red Cross says so many people have opened their wallets since the September 11th attacks they are going to stop taking donations. The charity says they have received more than half a billion dollars and they don't know what to do with all the money. So, the relief agency is going to stop accepting donations.

OSAMA TIME MAGAZINE

NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:23)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that he may be the most wanted man in the United States but "Time Magazine" confirmed that Osama Bin Laden was in consideration for its "Person of the Year." The magazine said the recognition was given to the person who had the most impact on the news, and had nothing to do with moral value. About a dozen other people, all related to the September 11th tragedies were also in the running.

EXCITE AT HOME

NOVEMBER 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:18)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that less than two hours from then "Excite at Home" could pull the plug on its internet cable customers. "Excite at Home" was bankrupt and a judge said it could serve its contracts with several cable companies. That would leave four million people across the country without their internet access. "Excite at Home" was negotiating with the cable companies in an effort to reach an agreement that would keep the service running.

SALES TAX

NOVEMBER 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Bi-Partisan group of Senators wanted to add to our holiday cheer. They were proposing a national sales tax holiday. It would last ten days during the Christmas shopping season. The government would reimburse states for lost sales tax revenue. Budget experts said the plan was a bureaucratic nightmare and could hurt sales if consumers wait for the tax-free period.

SKI DAZZLE

NOVEMBER 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:17)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that thousands of skiers were expected to take advantage of the fresh snow on southland mountains that weekend. But before going to the snow they would go shopping for new equipment at "Ski Dazzle" at the LA Convention Center.

ENRON INVESTOR

NOVEMBER 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:29)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the giant energy company "Enron" was on the verge of bankruptcy that night and experts predicted Chapter 11 the following week. It was a bleak situation that would eventually touch the pocketbooks of just about everyone. The meltdown would alter the balance of power in the energy industry, perhaps affecting prices. The once shining star worth 85 dollars a share was now a black hole worth just26 cents. The fallout affected usual funds, 401-k's and pension plans that owned the stock. Enron's more than 20-thousand employees could learn the fate of their jobs the following week.

BRIDE BIZ

NOVEMBER 8, noon-1pm (TRT:23)

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendel son reported that it was the slowest time of the year for the bridal industry. But priceless bridals in Reseda had a new way to boost business, with its website. Orders were coming in through its website even if no one was coming in through the front door.

FLAG CLEANER

NOVEMBER 8, noon-1pm (TRT:26)

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendel son reported that if you had been flying an American flag outside your home or business sine 9/11 maybe it would be time to get it cleaned. Brentwood Royal Cleaners was offering to clean your flag free of charge with any incoming dry cleaning order. Typically it would cost between five and ten dollars to clean a flag.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

NOVEMBER 8, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:27)

KCAL 9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that sales have been up slightly compared to this time last year, about two and a half percent. However, there were fewer shoppers in the nation's malls. Analysts said cost-conscious consumers would seek out bargains that year, which would help sales at, discount chains like Wal-Mart and K-Mart. Walmart said they have set records. On the internet, "Yahoo" said its online sales were up more than 70 percent from a year ago.

ABC GETS HARRY POTTER

NOVEMBER 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:21)

KCAL9 reporter Dilva Henry reported that when "Harry Potter" made it to the small screen you would see him on ABC. That was the network that grabbed the rights to air the first two "Potter" movies." After airing on the network they would be shown on the "ABC Family Channel" and "The Disney Channel."

THE \$ BOWL

NOVEMBER 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:14)

KCAl9 anchor Mia Lee reported that advertisers were getting ready for the superbowl. Since the 9/11 attacks many ad agencies had changed the way they address audiences.

PATRIOTIC MM'S

NOVEMBER 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that chocolate lovers could feed their habit and sweeten the bank account of the American Red Cross. M and M's, one of the most American of candies, was going patriotic. You wouldn't find any green M&M's in those bags. Instead, it was a mix of red, white and blue. 100% of the money from the sales would go to the American Red Cross disaster relief fund to help those affected by disasters. The company hoped to raise 3 million dollars.

POT INSURANCE

NOVEMBER 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:22)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that an Ontario homeowner filed an unusual insurance claim. Police confiscated his medical marijuana and his insurance company covered the loss. Earlier that year police raided David Fawcett's backyard garden and took his homegrown marijuana. When the 46-year-old couldn't get police to return the marijuana, he filed a claim with his insurance company. The previous

month Fawcett receive a check for over 55 hundred dollars, under a provision that covered the theft of trees, shrubs and plants.

NOVEMBER 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:47)

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that we were in a recession that started in March. The announcement that the recession was here came from a group of economists called the "National Bureau of Economists Research." The bureau was made up of economists from Stanford, Harvard and other prestigious universities. Economists said that the recession started in March and that brought to an end the last period of expansion that lasted ten years, the longest expansion on record.

FORD FOCUS

NOVEMER 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:17)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that if you owned a Ford Focus you should expect a letter in the mail regarding a recall. Ford Motor Company was recalling almost 300 thousand of its 2000 and 2001 models. The compact cars had a corrosion problem that could cause the rear wheels to wobble. No accidents or injuries had been reported because of damage to the wheel bearings.

MINT LAYOFFS

NOVEMBER 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :34)

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that there was another sign that the economy was sluggish and consumers were pinching pennies. More consumers were emptying those jars, water bottles and looking under the sofa pillows for spare change. Consumers were gathering up their small change and using it at stores and cashing it in for paper money. All that extra change was coming back into circulation meaning there was now a surplus of change and the US Mint was starting to layoff workers. The Mint would layoff about 350 workers at its coin factories in Philadelphia and Denver.

OIL GAS THREAT

NOVEMBER 20, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:18)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the oil and gas industry was on high alert. The government was confirming that there might have been a threat against natural gas pipelines. Sources within the oil industry said they had been told Osama Bin Laden might have ordered retaliatory strikes against north American natural gas facilities in the event of his capture or death.

ATTACKS BIOTERRORISM

NOVEMBER 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 18)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that preparing for bio-terrorism was not cheap. A new report, put together for California's Health Departments, showed a start-up cost of 70 to 80 million dollars for each County. The money would cover the first six months of salaries and lab equipment. After that, counties would have to have to come up with 50 to 60 million dollars a year to run the programs.

HOLLYWOOD FILM

December 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported the Film Television Action Committee is calling on the US government to help keep American film industry jobs form crossing the border into Canada. The group held a rally in Hollywood today for actors, film workers and industry vendors. Many television and film production have moved across the border after the Canadian government began offering subsidies to lure more productions into Canada.

MAYOR JOBS

December 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a weak economy and fall out form the terrorist attacks caused layoffs across the country. Now Southland residents who lost their jobs can turn to a new program to help get their lives back on track. It's part of a national Coalition called Americas Hope and it's going to work in the Los angles Area. Government agencies will tem up with private companies to help the unemployed rebuild their financial lives.

DAVIS/MEX ADS

December 4, 9-10[m newscast (TRT:22)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Governor Gray Davis met with Mexico's president during a stay at Los Pinos Palace. The governor delivered a message for Mexicans; come north and visit California. The state is kicking off a multi-million dollar tourism campaign.

HERO TOYS

December 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:27)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that with America at war your children are wishing for hero toys. GI Joe, action figures, military and civilian toys are hot. Especially, firefighters, fire trucks and police cars.

LIPSTICK ECONOMY

December 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported one industry is doing well right now even though many are not. The cosmetics manufacturers say sales are up, especially lipstick sales. Lipstick sales are up historically during troubled times because it gives women a bit of a lift.

ON LINE FRAUD

December 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:22)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson gives tips on online shopping this holiday season to protect your information online.

GAS PRICES

December 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported there is good news for travelers hitting the roads this holiday season. According to industry experts, gasoline prices are lower than they have been in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.

KAISER/HMO

December 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Kaiser Permanente is under fire. A federal judge backs a million dollar fine levied by the State of California after three patients died. The state accused the HMO of failing to treat its patients in a timely manner.

FED INTEREST RATES

December 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate. It is the eleventh cut this year. Its now one point 75 percent, the lowest since 1961.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

December 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a study by the national Women's Law Center checked on healthcare around the country. It found most states provided women with unsatisfactory medical care. The worst states were Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The best were Hawaii, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

CHARITABLE GIVING

December 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that whether or not September 11^{th} played a role, more and more people are hurting and searching for help.

VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES

December 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported a consumer watchdog group says parents need to look before they by video games. A report from Americans for Gun Safety says many video games promote reckless behavior. Even though they come with a rating system, it is easy for kids to get them at many stores.

CA UNEMPLOYMENT

December 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that for the first time in nearly five years, unemployment in California has moved above one million people. That is a jobless increase of more than 200,000 people over the past year. The biggest job loses occurred in the manufacturing of electronic and industrial equipment.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

December 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that President Bush went to Capitol Hill to lobby hard for his economic stimulus plan. The president says he is convinced a new republican measure can pass. If moderate dems get on board.

AMERICAN AIRLINES

December 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that some laid off airline workers are back on the job. American Airlines is calling back nearly 800 workers who were let go during the cutback following the September 11th attacks.

LOTTO SCRATCHERS

December 21, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that a court is trying to figure out if the California Lottery sold millions of tickets for games that were already won. Testimony from top lottery officials say an internal review fond the problem in eleven scratchers instant lottery games since 1996. In four games as much as 6.6 million dollars of these tickets are still being sold. Lottery officials say they are surprised by the findings.

GIFT RETURN LAW

December 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on some last minute Christmas shopping advice. After you find the right item at the right price, make sure the store has the right return policy.

AFTER CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

December 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 Lora McLaughlin reported that for many holiday shopping is all done. But for some savvy shoppers, they don't really begin until the day after Christmas.

AUTO SALES

December 26, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Marti Johnson reports from Washington on the auto industry and all the zero loan programs offered right now. The problem is after the incentives dry up, what happens to the industry?

6/60 CHILD SEATS

December 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new law goes into effect on January $1^{\rm st}$. The new rules for child safety seats in cars change. The law requires children to ride in a car seat until they are 6 or at least 60 pounds.

QUAKE CLAIMS

December 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the clock is ticking for policyholders wanting to collect on their earthquake insurance claims from the Northridge quake. There are only four days left to re-open claims. Prospective collectors must file by December 31st.

SALES TAX UP

December 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the cost of shopping, of eating in restaurants, and buying gasoline are all going up on New Year's Day. The state sales tax is going up ¼ or 1 percent.